

# The Holy Communion

## Second Sunday after Epiphany

### 17 January 2021

#### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*(Please stand)*

*Hymn* Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the king of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored,  
forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,  
praise the everlasting King!

2. Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,  
glorious in his faithfulness!

3. Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,  
widely as his mercy flows!

4. Angels, help us to adore him,  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, blow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space:  
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,  
praise with us the God of grace!



The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Sentence* We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the king of Israel! *John 1.41, 49*

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Confession**

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *The Absolution*

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Eternal God,  
whose Son, Jesus Christ, is now exalted as Lord of all,  
and pours out his gifts upon the Church:  
grant it that unity which only your Spirit can give,  
keep us in the bond of peace,  
and bring all creation to worship before your throne;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.  
*(Sit for the readings)*

### **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

*(Silence may follow each reading.)*

**First Reading** A reading from the first book of Samuel (3.1-10)

<sup>1</sup> Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying

down in his room; <sup>3</sup> the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup> The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." ' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup> Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Hear the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 139 (1-5, 12-18 APBA p.370)**

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:  
you know when I sit or when I stand,  
you comprehend my thoughts long before.

<sup>2</sup> **You discern my path and the places where I rest:  
you are acquainted with all my ways.**

<sup>3</sup> For there is not a word on my tongue:  
but you, Lord, know it altogether.

<sup>4</sup> **You have encompassed me behind and before:  
and have laid your hand upon me.**

<sup>5</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:  
so high that I cannot endure it.

<sup>12</sup> **For you have created my inward parts:  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

<sup>13</sup> I will praise you, for you are to be feared:  
fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.

<sup>14</sup> **You knew my soul,  
and my bones were not hidden from you:  
when I was formed in secret,  
and woven in the depths of the earth.**

- <sup>15</sup> Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect:  
and in your book were all my members written;
- <sup>16</sup> **Day by day they were fashioned:  
and not one was late in growing.**
- <sup>17</sup> How deep are your thoughts to me, O God:  
and how great is the sum of them!
- <sup>18</sup> **Were I to count them,  
they are more in number than the sand:  
were I to come to the end, I would still be with you.**

**Second Reading**      A reading from St Paul's second letter to the  
Corinthians (6.12-20)

<sup>12</sup> 'All things are lawful for me', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful for me', but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup> 'Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food', and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup> And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, 'The two shall be one flesh.' <sup>17</sup> But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup> Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Hear the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*(Stand for the Gospel)*

**The Gospel Reading**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1.43-51)

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.'<sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.'<sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'<sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.'<sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.'<sup>51</sup> And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

*After the Gospel, the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The Sermon*

*Silence may follow.*

*(Stand for the Creed)*

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(Sit or kneel for the prayers)*

*The minister says*

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

*After each prayer*

Father, hear our prayer,

**through Jesus Christ our Lord**

*The prayers conclude with this prayer.*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith**

**we may by your grace receive,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### THE OFFERTORY

*Hymn Here I am, Lord (refrain)*

I the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain: Here I am Lord. it I Lord? I  
have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain:*  
I the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain:*

*(remain standing for the Great Thanksgiving)*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah,  
the light of the nations,  
and revealed him as the hope  
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*(Kneel for the Prayer of Consecration)*

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,

and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.' 🕊

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' 🕊

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and this cup,  
we remember the saving death of your Son,  
his resurrection and ascension,  
and his promise to be with us for ever.

In the power of the Holy Spirit,  
bring us to eternal life with Christ,  
as we look for his coming in glory,  
and for the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all your people.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.** 🕊

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*During COVID-19 restrictions we will administer Holy Communion under one kind; the bread.*

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

*(Kneel or sit for a time for quiet reflection following Holy Communion)*

#### **Prayer after Communion**

God of the nations,  
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.  
Guide us by your presence,  
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,  
and establish your justice in the earth.

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Most loving God,

**You send us into the world you love.**

**Give us grace to go faithfully and with courage**

**In the power of your Spirit.**

### **Blessing**

*Stand for the Blessing*

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

Hymn We have a gospel to proclaim

#### 1. We Have A Gospel To Proclaim

Good news for men in all the earth;

The gospel of a Saviour's name,  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

#### 2. Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,

Not in a royal house or hall  
But in a stable dark and dim,  
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

#### 3. Tell of His death at Calvary,

Hated by those He came to save,  
In lonely suffering on the cross,  
For all He loved His life He gave.

#### 4. Tell of that glorious Easter moon,

Empty the tomb, for He was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
That we might share His victory.

#### 5. Tell of His reign at God's right hand,

By all creation glorified,  
He sends His Spirit on His Church,  
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

#### 6. Now we rejoice to name Him King,

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,  
This gospel message we proclaim,  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.